What is an AEA?

An Area Education Agency (AEA) is a regional education service agency created by Iowa Code to provide education services to public school districts and nonpublic schools within the AEA's geographic boundaries. Teachlowa.gov is using AEA boundaries to help visitors to this site perform geographic searches within these regional areas.

Area Education Agencies provide hundreds of services each day for the students, teachers, administrators and families in Iowa schools. These services, offered through the nine Iowa AEAs, are available to every public and accredited, nonpublic school in Iowa. Our mission is to ensure that all Iowa learners are provided with effective, efficient, and equitable educational services that prepare them for success. AEAs provide special education support services, media and technology services, a variety of instructional services, professional development and leadership development to promote school improvement. The AEA is also integrally involved in assisting districts meet requirements of public mandates such as No Child Left Behind, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and its related state performance plan, the Iowa Core, and the Iowa Teacher Quality Initiative.

Our vision is that every lowa learner will achieve success in life as a result of our services. To learn more, visit http://www.iowaaea.org